



American Paraplegia Society's 2007 Awards Ceremony Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center Kissimmee, Florida



Mary Bartlett Bunge, PhD, presents the Donald Munro Memorial Lecture, "Combination Therapies to Improve Repair of the Injured Spinal Cord." Munro lecturers are selected from the spectrum of professionals whose careers demonstrate progress toward improving the lives of people with spinal cord injury. Dr. Bunge



Dr. Bunge delivers Monro Memorial Lecture at the 2007 Awards Ceremony in Kissimmee, Florida

is the Christine E. Lynn Distinguished Professor in Neuroscience and professor of Cell Biology & Anatomy, Neurological Surgery, and Neurology at The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Her spinal cord research focuses on axonal regeneration following injury. Dr. Bunge predicts that combination strategies will be crucial to improved outcome because of the complex nature of the body's response to injury.

James J. Weisman, JD, is acknowledged by Indira S. Lanig, MD for his presentation of the annual James J. Peters Memorial Lecture entitled, "James J. Peters and the Disability Rights Movement." Mr. Weisman has served as general counsel for United Spinal Association for more than 3 decades, supporting the organization's advocacy initiatives for individuals with spinal cord injuries. He worked closely for many years with Jim Peters, who was executive director of United Spinal Association at the time of his death in 2001. An expert on disability access to transportation, Mr. Weisman has been in the forefront of mass transit access actions in New York and Philadelphia, and has lent his experience and expertise to national and state task forces aimed at implementing transportation provisions of the

Americans With Disabilities Act. His presentation highlighted the vision of Jim Peters, whose exceptional example still guides our efforts to overcome obstacles facing those with disability.



Indira S. Lanig, MD, APS past president, receives the APS Special Recognition Award from incoming president Lawrence C. Vogel, MD. Dr. Lanig's 2 years of distinguished service as President were acknowledged, as well as her years of dedicated volunteer work on the APS Board and its committees as well as her contributions as a member of the Editorial Board of JSCM.

Donald R. Bodner, MD, accepts the A. Estin Comarr Award for Distinguished Clinical Service from Indira S. Lanig, MD and Lawrence C. Vogel, MD. This distinguished award, named in honor of a pioneer in SCI medicine who was a founding member of APS, is bestowed upon an APS member who has demonstrated exceptional accomplishment in the area of clinical care of persons with SCI, has had a significant impact on the field of spinal cord medicine, and is recognized as a leading authority in spinal cord health care and education. Dr. Bodner, MD, a board-certified urologist, practices at University Hospitals of Cleveland, where he is interim chief of urology, and at the DVA Medical Center and MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. Well respected for his expertise in urological complications of SCI, he has served APS in many capacities since 1988, including president (1993–1995) and current editor of JSCM.



Michael J. DeVivo, DrPH, accepts the Excellence Award from Indira S. Lanig, MD, and Lawrence C. Vogel, MD. This award designates an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in SCI health care, including service delivery, research, education, prevention, or administration. Its recipients have achieved national recognition and leadership, as well as demonstrated scholarship in the care of persons with SCI. Dr. DeVivo, is the Director of the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. DeVivo is widely published and has been principal investigator on numerous research projects related to epidemiology and long-term outcomes of persons with spinal cord injury, including life expectancy and causes of death, lifetime costs of care, return to work, frequencies and risk factors for secondary medical complications, and psychosocial outcomes. He was a member of the Consortium for Spinal Cord Medicine panel that developed the 1999 Clinical Practice Guideline, “Outcomes Following Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury,” and serves on the International Spinal Cord Injury Data Executive Committee.

Acknowledgment: The support of these diverse sponsors enables the American Paraplegia Society to promote its mission, which focuses on improving care for people with SCI, promoting SCI-related research, and providing a forum for the review of scientific findings. Their generosity funds our annual conference and *The Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine*, which together comprise a vibrant global forum for clinicians and researchers in areas related to spinal injury and dysfunction. This interchange is critical to disseminating scientific and technological breakthroughs, evaluating advances, forming collaborative relationships and fostering translational research. APS and the Journal extend their appreciation to the corporate, foundation, and institutional partners that support our ultimate goal—to better the lives of individuals with SCI by providing optimal care and rehabilitation throughout the life cycle.



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